Abolition of the Malnad Improvement Committees.

READ—

Government Order No. C. 1-50—San. 17-26-1, dated 11th October 1926, sanctioning among other matters the reconstitution of the District Malnad Improvement Committees with the Deputy Commissioners as Chairmen and certain official and non-official gentlemen as members.

2. Government Order No. G. 278-86—Sany. 31-26-34, dated 11th July 1927, fixing the term of Malnad Improvement Committees at two years.

3. Correspondence ending with the marginally noted letters from the Deputy Commissioners and Presidents of Malnad Improvement Committees of Shimoga, Hassan and Mysore Districts furnishing their opinion about the continuance or otherwise of the Malnad Improvement Committees.

Shimoga—Al. C. 1347—28-29, dated 29th April —1st May 1929.
Hassan—P. R. 228—28-29, dated 15th July 1929.
Mysore—D2. Dis. 704—L. B. 28-29, dated 5th June 1929.

ORDER No. G. 2250-2—SANY. 65-28-6, DATED 16TH AUGUST 1929.

The Malnad Improvement Committees which had been abolished in 1921, as a measure of retrenchment were, on the recommendation of the Special Malnad Improvement Committee of 1925, revived for a period of two years.

2. The period having expired, the Deputy Commissioners of Malnad Districts were asked to furnish their opinion about the continuance or otherwise of the Committees.

3. The whole question of the Malnad Improvement Committees was also considered at the meeting of officers held at Mysore on 16th June 1929. The general trend of opinion was that as the Malnad Improvement Committees were purely advisory bodies with no responsibility for the execution of Improvement works and as the amounts allotted for such works were not so large as to necessitate the continuance of these Committees to administer them, they might be abolished, the grants being made over to the respective District Boards.

4. Government agree with this view and consider that Malnad Improvement Work can be carried on more vigorously if it is entrusted to the District Boards, who may also be able to divert a part of their own funds to supplement the grants given by Government for the purpose. They are accordingly pleased to direct that the scheme of Malnad Improvement Committees sanctioned in the first of the Government Orders read above be abolished and that the available amounts out of the grants sanctioned during the current year and those to be made in subsequent years be placed at the disposal of the respective District Boards for promoting definite schemes of malnad improvement approved by Government. Each District Board will be requested to appoint, under Section 34 of the District Board Regulation, a Malnad Improvement Committee consisting of the President of the District Board as the Chairman and four members of the District Board as members with the District Economic Superintendent as Secretary. The Committee may under section 32 (2) of the District Board Regulation co-opt any individual as a member for special purposes. This Committee will consider the needs of the malnad area in the District and send up proposals for the consideration of the District Board as a whole, who will give effect to them with such modifications as they deem fit.

5. The District Boards of Shimoga, Kadur, Hassan and Mysore are requested to take necessary action to form the Committees early and forward for the information of Government the personnel of the Committees so constituted.

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